

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph set forth immediately prior to the "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" section as follows:

This is a continuation application claiming priority from co-pending U.S. patent application No. 09/864,519, now U.S. Patent No. 6,732,411, filed May 23, 2001.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 10, as follows:

In another embodiment, the invention is a chrysalis **68**. The chrysalis **68** comprises a sheet of flexible material **70** adapted to be wrapped around the base end **12** of the hand tool handle **14**. The sheet of flexible material **70** is sufficiently large that the hand of a user gripping the handle **14** touches only the chrysalis **68** and the thumb spur **56**, as illustrated in Figures 19-21. Preferably, the flexible material is padded to provide comfort to the hand of the user during use. In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the chrysalis **68** is secured to the handle **14** using hook and loop fasteners **72**.